

Attorney Docket No. 2102397-991180

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-82 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 23-24, 32-40, and 49-61 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 13, 17, 19-20, 25 have been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claims 8, 10, 32-40, and 49-61 have been objected to as having been withdrawn from consideration. Applicant cancels claims 8, 10, 32-40, and 49-61 without prejudice. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 13 was objected to for depending on itself. Claim 13 should have depended on claim 12, and has been rewritten in independent form in view of the objection described below. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Sugimura* (U.S. Patent No. 6,297,687). Claims 12 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 23 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Li* (U.S. Patent No 6,496,055). Claim 23 has been cancelled without prejudice. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-22, 25 and 26 have been objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Allowable claims 13, 17, 19-20, and 25 have been merely rewritten in an independent form pursuant to the Examiner's request, and thus their scope remains precisely the same as originally filed. Claims 14-16, 18, 21-22 and 26 depend on the rewritten claims. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in an allowable form, and action to that end is respectfully requested.


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit in the overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing Attorney Docket No. 2102397-991180.

Respectfully submitted,

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